

## **ABSTRACT**

A snowmobile drive train employing a drive belt and an endless track is provided.

The snowmobile comprises an engine including an output shaft, with a support member located adjacent to the engine. A drive pulley and a driven pulley are mounted on the support member so that the drive belt can be removed from the snowmobile by passing the drive belt over the pulleys. An isolation member couples the engine output shaft to the driven pulley, and the support member maintains the drive and driven pulleys in a constant positional relationship relative to each other. The support member also includes reduction gears for driving the endless track.

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The first step in this study was to identify the variables that were likely to influence the outcome of the intervention.